

ISOLATING THE SELL-OUTS!

Local government has collapsed in the face of a determined struggle by the masses around issues such as high rents, high busfares, high electricity charges, unemployment etc.

Only the armed might of the state stands between the complete physical and structural destruction of Black Local Councils. But Black Local Authorities - part of the state and capitalism's answer to the crisis in S.A. was always doomed to failure from the start.

UNPOPULAR

The mere fact the poor (largely working class) residents have to spend a large slice of income, in the form of higher rents, for instance, to finance these extremely unpopular Councils, have led directly to the collapse of these bodies. With the total collapse of Urban Bantu Councils during 1976-1977, the State desperately attempted to revive them in a new guise: the so-called Community Councils. The Community Councils proved to be as toothless, powerless and unpopular as its predecessor the Urban Bantu Councils.

DIVIDE

Koornhof initiated the now discredited Black Local Authorities under a trilogy of Bills, the so-called "Koornhof Bills". One of the now abandoned Bills was the Orderly Movement and Settlements of Black Persons Act.

The main purpose of this bill was to further divide the African section of the Black working class into 'rurals' and 'urbans', 'legals' and 'illegals'. The Bill was abandoned in the face of a concerted mobilization of the Black working class by community organisations. However, its practical effects are still being felt because of the administrative coercion practiced by Dept. of Co-operation and Development officials.

OPPOSITION

When the Black Local Authorities was foisted on township tenants despite severe opposition from working class and community organisations during 1983, the State was warned that: a) these structures were unworkable, both in its intention and form b) working class tenants would refuse to pay for their own exploitation and oppression through higher rents, electricity, taxes, etc. c) these so-called "City Councils" are an attempt to cut off the working class from the wealth it has produced in the "white" metropolitan areas.

For example, if you work in Joburg, the rates and taxes paid by the company you work for, and also the shops you buy goods from, goes to the Joburg City Council. This council provides transport, housing, education and recreational facilities for mostly White areas. d) that ethnic local authorities were but further attempts to

divide and rule the black working class. It is also an attempt to co-opt certain sections of the black middle class. The more property you own the more votes you get. e) that taken together, the black local authorities, "coloured" and "Indian" management committees, the tri-racist parliament and ever deepening political and social crisis, would produce a climate of ever increasing militancy and revolt f) that the creation of separate and ethnic local government structures for so-called "Africans", "Coloureds" and "Indians" and the tri-racist parliament would never serve the interests of black people.

CRISIS

In the townships and ghettos ethnic, unpopular and undemocratic local authorities structures ("Black" City Councils, "Coloured" and "Indian" Management Committees) has meant; - a national increase in rents - massive housing shortages - deterioration of services (electricity, sewerage, waste disposal, roads, etc.) - the education crisis has deepened and escalated



These factors coupled with the political and economic crisis of capitalism - declining gold price, ever increasing unemployment, massive price rises, rampant inflation, increasing militarisation, has led to an explosion of anger by the oppressed and exploited masses.

The black working class have isolated the

collaborators in a concrete way!

From Uitenhage in the Eastern Cape to Alexandra Township in the Transvaal the forces of collaboration - policemen, councillors, puppets and sell-outs are under siege.

The ruling class and their allies have responded by massacring

unarmed workers and students, turning townships into occupied, no go areas with the assistance of the army.

As black policemen and councillors flee the townships, the black working class is sending out a clear signal: Nothing less than a socialist republic would satisfy their demands!

Together with Sacos we say...

NO!

to the

ALL BLACKS!

SACOS statement

SACOS is opposed to the All Blacks tour as it believes that there should be no sports tours to and from South Africa while oppressive and exploitative laws and institutions exist.

In a climate of government-created recession, mass unemployment and the rising cost of living, we are faced with police repression and the foisting of the tricameral government onto us.

The intent of this ruling class and its multi-national sports organisations, is to maintain the system of white domination and cheap black labour.

It is this evil system that the All Blacks want to give recognition and credibility to by wanting to play rugby here. Organisations throughout the world and the mass of the oppressed and exploited reject this tour and call on the All Blacks not to tour the land of apartheid exploitation.